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JANUARY 7-13, 1974

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE AD HOC GROUP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR
THE PERIOD JANUARY 7-13 AS APPROVED BY THE AHG ON JANUARY 16. THE
NATO STAFF REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENNA ARE SEPARATELY TRANSMITTING
THE REPORT TO NATO FOR INTERNAL AND NAC DISTRIBUTION. BEGIN
TEXT:

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 67 OF C-M(73) 83(REVISED), THE
FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED, FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH THE
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP, AS THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
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(UNITED STATES) ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AD HOC GROUP FOR THE

WEEK ENDING 13TH JANUARY, 1974.

2. FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER RECESS, THE AD HOC GROUP RECONVENED IN VIENNA ON JANUARY 9, 1974, MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE NEWLY PREPARED RENNWEG COMMON FACILITIES.

3. THE GROUP HAD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE TACTICS IT MIGHT PURSUE IN THE COMING PERIOD IN ORDER TO BRING THE EAST TO NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF THE ALLIED PHASE I PROPOSALS.

4. THE GROUP DECIDED TO SUGGEST TO THE EAST THAT THE NUMBER OF PLENARY MEETINGS BE REDUCED INITIALLY TO ONE A WEEK (RATHER THAN TWO, AS IN THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER PERIOD) AND, AFTER A FEW, POSSIBLY THREE, SUCH WEEKLY SESSIONS, TO ONE EVERY TWO WEEKS. THE PURPOSE OF THE CHANGED TEMPO IS TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT MATTER AND PROBING OF THE EASTERN POSITION. IT WAS DECIDED TO SEEK EASTERN AGREEMENT TO HOLD THE FIRST PLENARY FOLLOWING THE RECESS ON JANUARY 17.

5. THE OUTLINE OF AN ALLIED PLENARY PRESENTATION, TO BE DELIVERED BY THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON JANUARY 17, WAS AGREED BY THE GROUP. THIS PRESENTATION WILL GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE ALLIED PHASE I PROPOSALS AS A WHOLE. SUBSEQUENT ALLIED PLENARY PRESENTATIONS WILL DEAL WITH PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE ALLIED PROPOSALS. ASSUMING A TOTAL OF EIGHT PLENARIES BEFORE THE EASTER RECESS, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE SECOND PRESENTATION WOULD ADDRESS THE NEED TO BEGIN MORE CONCRETE DISCUSSION BY FOCUSING ON U.S. AND SOVIET GROUND FORCES; THE THIRD AND FOURTH PRESENTATIONS WOULD DEAL WITH THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT; THE FIFTH AND SIXTH PRESENTATIONS WOULD DISCUSS STABILIZING MEASURES AND FLANK SECURITY; THE SEVENTH PRESENTATION WOULD ADDRESS VERIFICATION AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION, AND THE FINAL ONE, FORESEEN FOR APRIL 10, WOULD SUM UP THE ALLIED PROPOSALS. THE ALLIES COULD, OF COURSE, ADD NEW SUBJECTS OR CONVENE FURTHER PLENARIES DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 17 - APRIL 10, IF THIS APPEARED TACTICALLY DESIRABLE.

6. THE GROUP AGREED TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 14. IT APPROVED THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY ITS SPOKESMAN, THE NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE, TOGETHER WITH POSSIBLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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7. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE BELGIAN, ITALIAN AND NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE THOSE TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 25. END TEXT.HUMES

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